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SUBJECT: LACSA INTEREST IN BOEING AIRCRAFT

- 1. MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COSTA RICAN NATIONAL AIRLINE LACSA CALLED EMBASSY APRIL 17 TO INFORM US THAT A MR. PATINO, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WILL VISIT THE BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY IN SEATTLE ON APRIL 21 FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THAT COMPANY. PATINO REPORTEDLY CARRIES A LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF BOEING FROM PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER IN WHICH THE SUBJECT OF BOEING AIRCRAFT FOR LACSA IS DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOEING MAINTENANCE CENTER FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN COSTA RICA.
- 2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE COSTA RICA INTENDS
 TO BUY ONE 727 AIRCRAFT AND FOLLOW UP
 WITH THE PURCHASE OF THREE OTHERS WHICH WILL
 EVENTUALLY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FOUR BAC 111S
 THAT CURRENTLY CONSTITUTE THE LACSA FLEET. SOURCE
 ADDED THAT THIS PURCHASE IS CONSISTENT WITH
 ALL LACSA ECONOMIC STUDIES AND, MOREOVER, HAS
 THE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL BLESSING.
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